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Near-blizzard conditions didn't stop Julie Wiseman, left, Anna Marie Kaiser, back, and Tabitha Bainbridge from getting in a 10-kilometre run along the St. Margaret's Bay trail Sunday morning. HRM was hit with its first snowstorm of the season, with about 15 centimetres falling. Story, page 3. JEFF HARPER/METRO

No business like snow business

High season.

December white stuff has some cashing in

Quoted

"It definitely puts skiing and snow more in the front of people's minds."

Andy MacLean of Ski Martock

A man staggered through the snow along Windsor Street Sunday afternoon, a Christmas tree over one shoulder as a young boy in a puffy jacket followed a couple steps behind.

The region's first big storm of the season grounded flights at the Halifax Stanfield International Airport on Sunday and saw 15 centimetres of snowfall plus freezing rain across much of HRM, but that couldn't keep people away from the Christmas tree lots.

"There's been people in pretty regular all morning," Lloyd Smith said early Sunday afternoon at Naugler's Traditional Evergreen Tree Farm lot at the Halifax Forum.

Smith said between 15 or 20 people had been in to pick up a Christmas tree or pine boughs.

"I didn't think anybody would be foolish enough to be

out in this, but I was mistaken," Smith said with a laugh.

He said their season so far has been the busiest ever because there are fewer lots around, and anywhere people spot trees "they're coming in and buying."

Andy MacLean of Ski Martock said the storm was great for their opening weekend and followed a few days of cold weather that allowed them to make lots of snow.

He said there's "no downside" to getting natural snow because it looks good and feels great under the skis once it's groomed, and allows the resort to open more trails. "Picture a beautiful Christmas card from the olden days — it's that."

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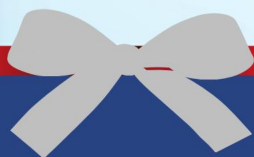


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Non-life-threatening

Man tries to stop fight, gets stabbed

A 20-year-old man was stabbed trying to break up a fight in Dartmouth early Sunday morning.

Halifax police say two men were fighting near Portland Street and Alderney Landing when the victim tried to intervene.

The victim showed up at Dartmouth General Hospital around 3:15 a.m. Sunday and was treated for non-life-threatening injuries. **METRO**

Indecency charge

Man accused of exposing himself

Halifax police have laid charges against a 39-year-old man after he allegedly exposed himself to a woman and her four-year-old daughter on Saturday.

According to police, a woman, 40, and daughter were walking along Belle Aire Terrace around 10:20 a.m. when the man left his home and began yelling at them.

The suspect is facing charges of committing an indecent act and violating a court order. **METRO**

Struck in arm

Youth wounded in drive-by

Police are investigating a drive-by shooting that left a youth with a bullet wound to his arm.

Police say that at about 7:20 p.m. Friday, a vehicle at the intersection of Romans and Federal was shot at by someone in another car, injuring the passenger. **METRO**



A pair of HRM snowplows work to keep the Hammonds Plains Road clear during near-blizzard conditions Sunday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Let it snow, let it snow, time to go

Wintry walloping.

Snow from the first big storm of the season to mostly melt by Monday



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The combination of snow and rain on Sunday had many people in HRM shovelling their driveways so they wouldn't be stuck Monday morning.

Karen Ramsland on Seaforth Street in Halifax cleared

her driveway around 1 p.m. so the snow wouldn't be too heavy once the rain started.

"I'm loving it. I'm actually one of those people that likes the snow," Ramsland said. "It feels really Christmasy."

Environment Canada meteorologist Jean-Marc Couturier said HRM got about 15 centimetres of snow by mid-afternoon, then ice pellets and rain began turning the snow into a slush by 3 p.m.

"There is a lot of melting that goes on," Couturier said of the warmer temperatures Sunday afternoon. "The rain ... will have cut down on

Remnants

"It's going to be a fraction of what we received."

Environment Canada meteorologist Jean-Marc Couturier, about the rain melting away Sunday's snowfall

this fresh snow that we've received."

Couturier said Sunday's storm was "not unusual" for Nova Scotia. However, he said, some areas saw up to 30 centimetres and it's been three years since the area saw this much snow before Christmas.

About 600 Nova Scotia

Power customers in Halifax were without electricity Sunday morning, and winds got up to 90 km/h.

Chrissie Atherton moved to Halifax from the U.K. this year and said Sunday's snowfall was her first in Canada.

"It's quite nice. I suppose if it was a weekday it would be a bit chaotic, so it's fun today," Atherton said.

Sgt. Gavin Nash of the Nova Scotia RCMP said they had reports of multiple cars sliding off the road throughout the province, but there were no serious accidents by the early evening.

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Ex-BlackBerry employees on the search for new jobs

Moving on. Former workers of the Halifax division watch dream fade, wonder where future will take them

Misty Legge and her husband, Matthew, had hopes for a bright future when they packed their bags six years ago and left their native Newfoundland and Labrador for jobs at the BlackBerry office in Bedford.

Now unemployed, the young couple are struggling to find comparable work in the city.

"I never dreamed this would happen," says Misty, who secured a technical support job at BlackBerry fresh out of community college in St. John's, N.L., and had planned on a long career at the smartphone firm.

BlackBerry was poised to be the darling of the tech sector in Halifax when it opened its doors in Bedford in 2006. The Waterloo, Ontario-based company was lured by millions in provincial subsidies with the hopes of creating up to 1,200 high-paying jobs.

Such optimism was crushed on Oct. 10, when BlackBerry announced it would close its Halifax office, laying off about 350 people.

Legge, 27, says she loved her job, the people she worked with and the proximity to her family in her

home province. She says she still wants to stay on the East Coast, as does her husband, who says he wants to use the expertise he gained as a software support specialist in Nova Scotia.

But Matthew says the city is teeming with former employees of BlackBerry and other tech firms that recently laid off staff.

If job prospects don't improve early next year, he says he and others will look outside the province for work.

"A lot of us are going to leave," said the 31-year-old.

In office

30

The number of employees who will remain in BlackBerry's Bedford office until January, and about 30 people will continue working for the company from home.

"That's the bottom line."

Johnathan Rhynold, 26, is another former BlackBerry worker trying to find a job in his home province as a software support specialist with pay and benefits similar to that provided by his past employer.

He bought his house in what he describes as the "golden days" after BlackBerry set up shop.

"There are moments when you're sitting alone and you think about everything and it's like a wave,"



A worker walks into the BlackBerry offices in Bedford in October. JEFF HARPER/METRO

he said. "It's overwhelming."

BlackBerry spokeswoman Rebecca Freiburger said the company isn't tracking how many former employees have found jobs but websites such as LinkedIn indicate they are finding work.

There are former BlackBerry staff who are trying to create their own opportunities.

Jay Steele, who left the firm seven months ago, said the expertise gleaned from BlackBerry's research and development division in

Halifax is leading to startup companies.

He has hired three of his former colleagues to help him create Eyeball Inc., a social media company that would share photos and other information about young amateur sports players and their supporters.

"I took (BlackBerry's closure) as an opportunity, maybe a kick in the pants, to get out there and start something new and do something exciting and fun," said Steele, 41.

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Former BlackBerry support specialist Johnathan Rhynold at his home in Hammonds Plains. MIKE DEMBECK/THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Forever 21 sure knows how to make a splashy debut



Shoppers stream into Forever 21 during the store's grand opening at Mic Mac Mall in Dartmouth on Saturday.

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Dartmouth. Highly anticipated store opening at Mic Mac Mall draws hundreds

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Not even the previous day's snowfall could keep the crowds away from the grand opening of Mic Mac Mall's newest retail outlet.

The popular fashion chain Forever 21 opened its doors Saturday morning in Dartmouth to welcome hundreds of eager shoppers, some of whom had waited hours in line.

"I would wear every single thing in there," said 19-year-old Mount Saint Vincent University student Emma Menchefska, who ar-

Watch out

New store manager Katie White did not mince words about how she thought Forever 21 would be received by the Halifax community: "Sincerest apologies to every other store in the mall, because we're about to take over this place."

rived at the mall with two friends around 5 a.m. to be at the head of the line.

"We really love Forever 21," she added. "When we found out about the first 100 people getting gift cards, we decided we were going to be here crazy early."

"I'm so excited," said her friend Alyssa Roy. "I just want to shop."

More than 400 turned out for the 9:30 a.m. opening of the company's largest Can-

adian store and the first for Atlantic Canada.

Forever 21 debuted 30 years ago in Los Angeles. There are now hundreds of outlets in the U.S. and about 30 across Canada.

The chain has built a loyal following with its affordable, on-point fashion options.

"The hype and anticipation for this store has been unreal," said Mic Mac Mall spokeswoman Rebecca Logan.

"People have been asking us and wanting it for so long. It's been on their wish list for years."

According to Logan, the mall has not seen this level of public response since H&M opened shop in 2009.

The trendy chain had a DJ on hand for Saturday's opening, and handed out \$21 gift certificates to the first 100 people in line.

MLA says she was cyberbullied over topless pic

A member of the Nova Scotia legislature says she was cyberbullied by a group of people over the past two weeks after someone posted a topless photo of her online.

Lenore Zann said Friday the image was taken from an episode of the cable TV series *The L Word*, in which she played a small part in a prison shower scene in 2008.

When the photo was tweeted to her on Nov. 29, she asked the sender to re-

move the image, which she said included a message that said, "What happened to the old Lenore?"

But the sender refused, and the online conversation soon included others who retweeted the image and hurled insults at her, Zann said.

"I never signed on for having that image used for another purpose," she said in an interview.

"I signed a contract ... for my image only to be used in *The L Word* show. It's not

Quoted

"It was constant and it was harassing."

Lenore Zann on an online conversation regarding the photo.

just the image of the picture that was disturbing. It was the way that these people ... suddenly targeted me. It increased in velocity and intent."

The NDP politician from the Truro area said she later

complained to the sender's parents, the local school board, Truro police and Nova Scotia's new cyberbullying investigation unit, known as CyberSCAN.

Truro Police Chief David McNeil said an investigation last week determined the case was not a criminal matter. "Since then, our file has been concluded," he said.

A spokesman for Nova Scotia's Justice Department said the CyberSCAN unit does not discuss details of individual cases, but Zann

said she was told the five-member unit is still looking into the matter.

The CBC reported that Nic Scissons, a 17-year-old high school student from Truro, said he sent the tweet, thought it was nothing more than a joke and the issue was blown out of proportion.

However, Zann insisted that subsequent tweets from Scissons and others were filled with nasty taunts and vulgar insults.

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Lenore Zann THE CANADIAN PRESS FILE

Phone scam

IWK warns of fundraiser fraud

Halifax's children's hospital is warning the public about a fake fundraising initiative to collect money to buy Christmas gifts for cancer patients.

The IWK Health Centre Foundation said it has received calls from concerned citizens who were targeted by the phone-based campaign.

In a release, the IWK

said it does not solicit by phone.

The foundation advises the public to verify that solicitors are legitimate by phoning the charity in question, ensuring the organization has a registered charity number or asking the solicitor for more information by mail.

Anyone who is contacted by someone claiming to solicit for the IWK foundation is advised to contact the hospital toll free at 1-800-595-2266 and Halifax police. **METRO**

Crime

Police seize drugs, firearms from Sackville business

A search of a Sackville business has led to police laying drug and weapons charges against two men.

Halifax police and the RCMP's integrated drug unit searched a business on Sackville Drive Thursday night, arresting 24-year-old John Cameron. They seized cash,

cocaine and marijuana, as well as a loaded handgun and a sawed-off 12-gauge shotgun.

Police also executed a second search warrant at the same time at a home on Dickey Drive in Lower Sackville, which led to the arrest of 34-year-old Kenneth Williams.

Both men face charges of possession of marijuana and cocaine for the purpose of trafficking. They appeared in court on Friday.

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Investigation

SUV not involved in hit-and-run, police conclude

A vehicle targeted by Halifax police has been ruled out of a serious, multiple-vehicle crash in north-end Halifax that sent two pedestrians to hospital with serious injuries.

Police released photos Friday morning of a light-coloured sports utility vehicle they believed fled

the scene of a hit-and-run on the corner of Agricola and North last Wednesday.

According to police, officers located the driver of the vehicle later in the afternoon but they concluded neither the vehicle nor the driver had been involved.

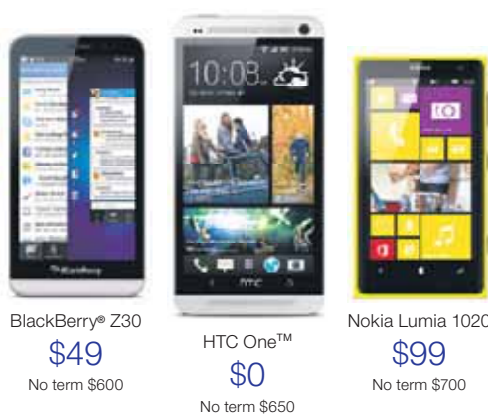
The accident happened around 2 p.m. on Wednesday.

A black sedan spun onto the sidewalk, striking two pedestrians and pinning one against a utility pole. **METRO**

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Nelson Mandela laid to rest in home village

Solemnity and joy. Several thousand gather to take part in ceremonies for beloved former president and anti-apartheid hero

Nelson Mandela was buried in his home village on Sunday after a funeral that mixed ancient tribal rituals with a display of the might of the new, integrated South Africa.

Military officers rolled Mandela's flag-draped coffin to the family burial plot in the village of Qunu as formations of planes and military helicopters flew over the hills where thousands of mourners had gathered.

Unlike the public memorial on Tuesday at a stadium that was rife with problems, the funeral and burial went smoothly. The ceremonies mixed solemnity with joy at Mandela's accomplishments, lasted all morning and into the afternoon and were fit for African royalty.

Several thousand gathered in a huge white tent at the Mandela family compound for the state funeral that preceded a private service at the gravesite. Songs, speeches and the boom of artillery rang across the fields.

Mandela, who spent 27 years in jail as a prisoner of



A Zulu warrior plays a bugle as people gather during the funeral service of Nelson Mandela in Qunu, South Africa, Sunday. Insets: Around South Africa, people stopped to watch the funeral. From top left, people in Nelson Mandela Square; Vilakazi restaurant staff; resident John Kunene; Oprah Winfrey and Sir Richard Branson; a girl at Orlando Stadium; Prince Charles speaking with Nkosazana Dlamini-Zuma. ANTOINE DE RAS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS; INSETS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTOS

the racist white government and emerged to lead a transition to a multiracial democracy, died on Dec. 5 at the age of 95 after a long illness.

His portrait looked over the assembly in the tent from behind a bank of 95 candles representing each year of his

remarkable life. His casket, transported to the tent on a gun carriage, rested on a carpet of cow skins below a lectern where speakers delivered eulogies.

Ahmed Kathrada, an activist who was jailed on Robben Island with Mandela,

remembered his old friend's "abundant reserves" of love, patience and tolerance. He said it was painful when he saw Mandela for the last time, months ago in his hospital bed. Some listeners wiped away tears as Kathrada spoke. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Proposal. Ticketing plan for minor offences could end up saving police cash

Police would have the option of ticketing people for a range of minor offences — instead of laying criminal charges — under a plan that could yield significant savings for the cash-strapped justice system.

The idea has emerged from discussions fostered by the federal government on curbing the rising costs of policing, said Timothy Smith, a spokesman for the Canadian Association of Chiefs of Police.

Under the proposal, officers would have the option of ticketing people for offences such as causing a

disturbance, public nudity, falsifying an employment record, soliciting prostitution, vagrancy or trespassing.

It builds on a resolution the Chiefs of Police passed last August that would give officers the discretion to issue a ticket under the Contraventions Act for possession of a small amount of cannabis.

"This is all part of the economics of policing initiative and the discussion that's taking place to find ways in which we can more efficiently handle these types of issues," Smith said in an interview. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

Venezuela

Paris-bound flight grounded due to terrorism fears

A Paris-bound flight was rescheduled for Sunday after Venezuela grounded an Air France plane that French intelligence authorities said terrorists might have been planning to blow up.

Officials on Sunday did not provide information about the search of the aircraft, or offer details about the earlier tip that a terrorist group was possibly planning to plant and detonate an explosive device in midair.

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Canadian intelligence

13 agencies had contracts with Stratfor: WikiLeaks

At least 13 Canadian government agencies have had subscriptions with U.S. private intelligence firm Stratfor, newly released WikiLeaks emails indicate.

Stratfor came under fire recently after a leaked document outlined ways to counter activist groups who oppose Canada's oil sands.

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Food Bank, the Royal Ontario Museum Foundation and the United Way, among others.

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UN prediction

Global e-waste to
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The mountain of refrigerators, cellphones, TV sets and other electrical waste disposed of annually worldwide is forecast to grow by a third by 2017, according to a UN study released Sunday.

E-waste — defined as anything with a battery or a cord — can pose a big problem because it often

contains substances that are harmful to humans and the environment if not properly treated. On the other hand, some of it can be profitably recycled.

A UN think-tank dedicated to the issue estimates that the amount of e-waste will rise from almost 53.9 million tons in 2012 to 72.09 million tons in 2017. That's nearly 200 times the weight of the Empire State Building.

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Canada Goose: The parka as the ultimate status symbol

Migrating worldwide.

The company has transformed the dowdy winter essential into a coveted fashion item

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Each jacket costs between \$500 and \$1,200, depending on the style, and while that qualifies as a prestige product, its popularity transcends other pricey brands.

The head of Canada Goose is setting his sights on India and other parts of Asia as he looks beyond cold weather for future growth in the jacket business.

Dani Reiss concedes that stocking shelves in warm climates might seem usual, but he says it makes sense for the company's high-end outerwear, which has become a fashion statement as well as a way to stay warm.

"Cold is relative. Tokyo is our best market in Asia and it never goes below zero," the chief executive said in an interview at the company's head-

quarters in midtown Toronto.

"Just like someone in Toronto buys a Range Rover, someone in Tokyo buys a Canada Goose jacket."

Canada Goose is at a turning point.

Take a glimpse of any city street this time of year and you'll likely see Canadians wrapped in the jackets emblazoned with the company's trademark badge on the sleeve and a fur-trimmed hood. Reiss wants to boost the company's reputation beyond its Canadian roots.

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Mr. Roboto to do the jobs that humans currently do?

Robots built in labs are heading to Florida this week for a government-sponsored competition on doing humanlike tasks. The CMU Highly Intelligent Mobile Platform robot, a.k.a. CHIMP, practices by switching the hold of a fire hose from one grasping unit to another. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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MANDELA LEGACY HYPOCRITICAL

What a difference a few decades make.

The world has spent the last week rightly celebrating the life and legacy of Nelson Mandela, a man one letter writer to the New York Times summed up as a “universal champion of freedom, humanity and equality, and as an ardent proponent of tolerance, compassion and forbearance.”

Last week, Nova Scotia's Human Rights Commission announced it will rename its individual human rights award. The Dr. Burnley Allan (Rocky) Jones Human Rights Award will recognize — rightly again — the late Nova Scotia civil rights leader who devoted his life to “the fight for justice... social justice... equity [for] anyone who experienced any form of discrimination.”

What gets swept to the darkened recesses in these legitimate and long-overdue recognitions, however, is an un-white-washable reality: Neither man shied from an understanding



URBAN COMPASS
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that armed struggle was sometimes a necessary means to their just ends.

Mandela spent 27 years in prison, largely for refusing to renounce violence in the fight to end apartheid. Jones brought members of the militant Black Panthers to Halifax in the late 1960s.

Many of those eulogizing them now tried to undermine them then.

In the case of Mandela, the Canadian government's Indian Affairs department helped the South African government perfect its apartheid system in the 1940s, while the American CIA showed South African police where to find and arrest Mandela in 1962.

As for Jones, back in the sixties, Halifax city fathers lobbied the federal government to close Kwacha House, the drop-in centre for inner-city youth Jones had helped create. The RCMP targeted him as a dangerous radical and harassed him for decades, ultimately compiling a file that would run to

Changing the message a few decades later

Many of those eulogizing them now tried to undermine them then.

thousands of pages.

I mention this not simply to point out the sanitizing hypocrisy that inevitably accompanies this retrospective mythologizing of our heroes. Mandela and Jones were both special individuals whose humanity and compassion transcended the details of their life stories.

But who are today's Mandelas and Joneses?

The young people of the Occupy movement?

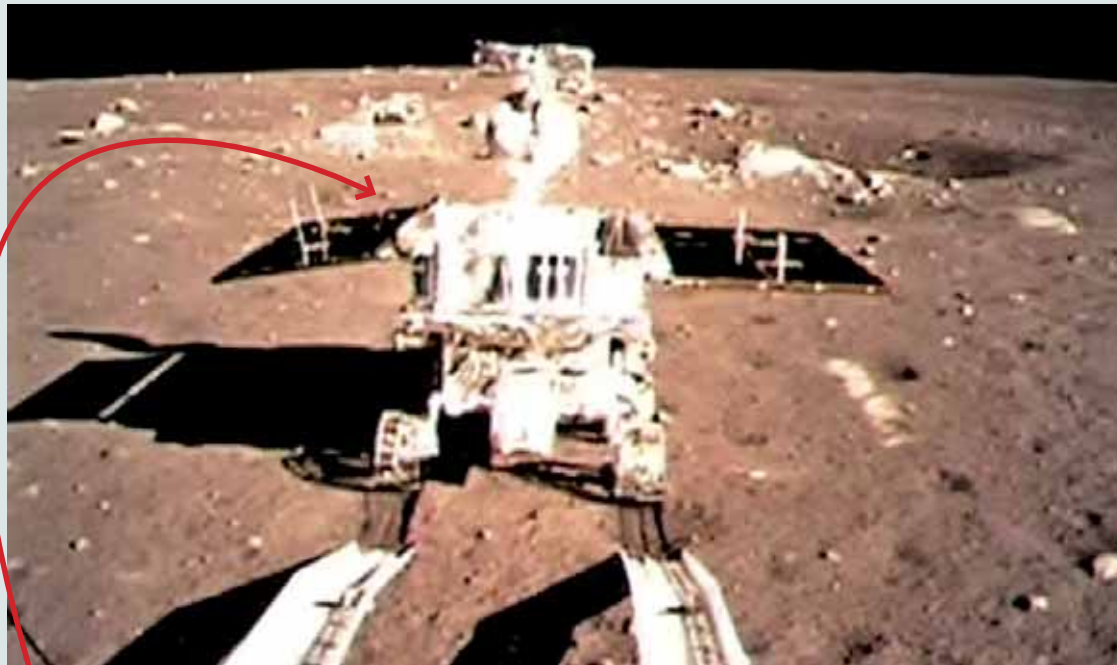
The prisoners at Guantanamo?

The protesters standing up against fracking in New Brunswick?

Will our grandchildren honour them as heroes 50 years from now? If so, why are we so quick to vilify them now?

ZOOM

China makes its first moon landing



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Rover, lander snap pics of each other

In this image taken by the on-board camera of the lunar probe Chang'e-3 and made off the screen of the Beijing Aerospace Control Center in Beijing, China's first moon rover Jade Rabbit touches the lunar surface Sunday.

State broadcaster China

Central Television showed images taken from the lander's camera of the rover and its shadow moving down a sloping ladder and touching the surface, setting off applause in the Beijing control centre.

China has completed the world's first soft landing of a space probe on the moon in nearly four decades.

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The mission

- The six-wheeled rover will survey the moon's geological structure and surface and look for natural resources for three months, while the lander will carry out scientific explorations at the landing site for one year.
- The mission marks the

next stage in an ambitious space program that aims to eventually put a Chinese astronaut on the moon. China's space program is an enormous source of pride for the country, the third to carry out a lunar soft landing — which does not damage the craft and the equipment it carries.

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“We are looking for highly intelligent individuals. To find them, we have devised a test.”

Thus began a simple message, written in white text against a black background, signed “3301” and uploaded to a 4chan message board in 2012, kicking off a cryptic Internet mystery known as Cicada 3301.

Consisting of images and encoded messages designed to challenge the most cryptically minded, the mystery that began with that simple message is a sprawling labyrinth that winds through math, poetry, ancient runes and steampunk, eventually leading those taking up the challenge to real locations across the world, where posters and QR codes are the cache.

Eventually, the ace brains who have cracked the code and overcome obstacles like message boards and forums purposefully seeded with misinformation find themselves in what's known as The Onion Router — a “dark Internet” of sites that are not indexed by search engines. The puzzles and messages become private

and those who got close to the prize are left to wonder what they were participating in.

So what is it all about? Speculation has it that the NSA, CIA or some other government agency is using the teasers to recruit new operatives.

Or perhaps it's a private endeavour looking for cryptology candidates to staff their operations.

Whoever is behind it, only a very select few have been able to learn. And they've been remarkably tight-lipped once the puzzles go private.

The first Cicada puzzle emerged on Jan. 4, 2012. A second was released to the web on the same date in 2013.

Will there be a third iteration? That's just as big a mystery.

To learn more about Cicada 3301, check uncovering-cicada.wikia.com.

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Can you spot the real 12 Days of Christmas verse among these mondegreens? ISTOCK

And a paltry tin-affair tree!

Say what? Do you really know what you're singing when it comes to Christmas carol lyrics?

Milk and spiders? Nine lazy Hansons? Sleep in heavenly peas?

It's that time of year: holiday music time. And with holiday music comes all the strange and twisted things we sometimes think we're hearing.

Mondegreens, the moniker for misheard words in song, aren't restricted to holiday standards, of course, but the old-

timey language of some seems to serve as a botched-lyric magnet.

Lest you think funny turns on song lyrics are the stuff of childhoods, Missy O'Reilly knows otherwise. She's an actress, comedian and co-owner of Planet Rose, a karaoke haven on Manhattan's Lower East Side. "I'm the biggest Christmas nerd, so I'm always encouraging people to sing Christmas music," she said. "Some people are really surprised when they see what the real words are."

Look no further than Snopes.com for handy examples submitted by readers of the website that collects and debunks urban legends, folklore, myths, rumours and mis-

What's in a word?

What's a mondegreen? According to Grant Barrett, co-host of the public radio show *A Way With Words*, the word mondegreen can be traced to Sylvia Wright and a column she wrote in *Harper's Magazine* in 1954 titled *The Death of Lady Mondegreen*. Wright discovered that for years she had botched

the last line of the first stanza of the Scottish folk ballad *The Bonnie Earl o' Moray*. How it goes, with spellings based on updates of antiquated English: "They have slain the Earl of Moray, and laid him on the green." What she heard: "They have slain the Earl of Moray, and Lady Mondegreen."

information. Noting that mondegreens aren't parody, but words we actually think we're listening to, Snopes keeps a list of holiday gems.

For *The Twelve Days of Christmas*, there's "ten law-

yers leaving" and "nine lazy Hansons." Later we've got "six geezers laying," along with "a paltry tin-affair tree." Those are in lieu of lords a-leaping, ladies dancing, geese a-laying and the obligatory partridge in a pear

tree, FYI. If ever you've made it to the fourth verse of *Winter Wonderland*, you'll be relieved to know it doesn't include "Later on milk and spiders, as we dream by the fire," but rather: "Later on we'll conspire ...". And that snowman you may or may not build in the meadow? You should pretend he's "Parson Brown," not "sparse and brown," or "parched and brown." Just sayin'.

There are most definitely no "peas" in *Silent Night*, but "heavenly peace." In *Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town*, the big guy in red does this: "making a list, checkin' it twice." Not this: "making a list, of chicken and rice."

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Beyoncé's album surprises everyone

New album Beyoncé. Announced and released on the same day, the star's latest offering generates so much chatter on Twitter it breaks record



Beyoncé . AP PHOTO

Beyoncé has released her new album in an unconventional way: She announced and dropped it on the same day.

The singer released Beyoncé exclusively on iTunes early Friday. She mirrors how Jay Z released Magna Carta Holy Grail earlier this year — through a deal with Samsung where he gave the album to 1 million users of Galaxy mobile phones days before its official release.

Beyoncé's fifth effort features 14 songs and 17 videos. Jay Z, Drake and Frank Ocean make guest appearances on the album, while the closing track, Blue, features her daughter, Blue Ivy. Justin Timberlake co-wrote the songs Rocket and Partition, and Pharrell, Timbaland, Ryan Tedder, Miguel and Sia also co-wrote tracks.

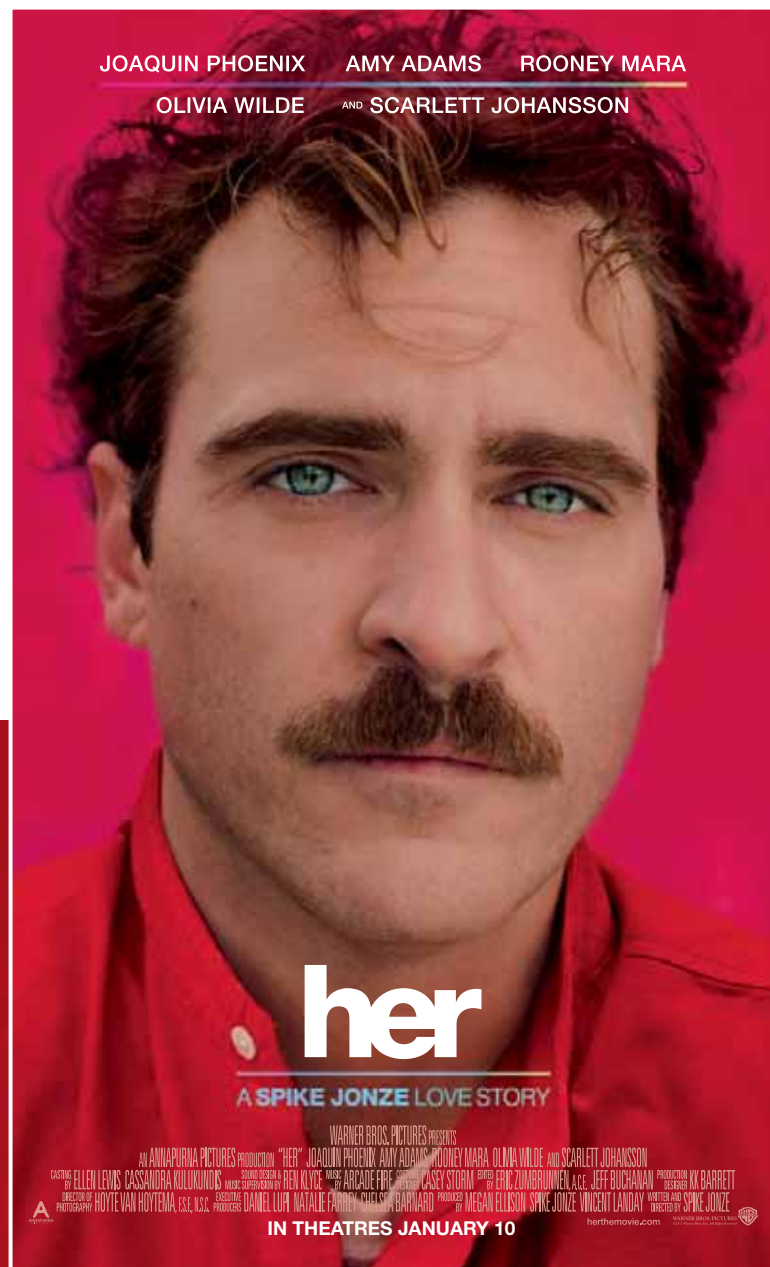
The album caused a stir on social media websites, with fans posting about the release early Friday morning. Twitter said Beyoncé's album release generated over 1.2 million tweets in 12 hours, with a tweets-per-minute spike of 5,300. The tweets-per-minute count around the album surpassed the record set when the Syfy TV movie Sharknado aired in July, Twitter added.

Billboard said Friday that "Beyoncé" will likely debut on top of its charts next week.

"Our early numbers are showing that this is likely heading toward a No. 1 debut on the Billboard 200 albums chart with only three days of the tracking week," said Bill Werde, the editor of Billboard. Billboard closes the tracking week on Sundays, and typical albums are released on Monday or Tuesday. On Friday afternoon, the explicit and clean versions of "Beyoncé" ranked No. 1 and No. 2 on the iTunes albums chart. Along with Beyoncé and Jay Z, other leaders in pop music have released albums in new ways recently: For her Red album last year, Taylor Swift had partnerships with Target, Walgreens and Papa John's; and Lady Gaga sold 440,000 copies of her Born This Way album on Amazon for just 99 cents when it was on sale for two days in 2011, helping the album sell 1.1 million in its debut week. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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David Beckham.

Beckham's kids want to get tattoos

David Beckham is learning the hard way that dissuading your kids from getting tattoos is particularly difficult when you yourself have more than 30 pieces on your body.

"They've already said they're having tattoos done," Beckham told Jonathan Ross during an interview.

"And I said, 'Well, be different. Don't have any tattoos.' They said, 'No, we're going to have one. We're going to have Mum and Dad.' So I can't really say no to that."

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The Word

Britney Spears wants to ruin yet another life

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Britney Spears says she really wants to have a baby girl, a "mini-me," so she won't feel as alone in the world anymore. She did, however, also say that it's not just that she's selfish or anything and that having a baby is also "a good excuse to buy Skittles."

Scandal's Season 3 has been shortened due to Kerry Washington's preg-



nancy. And they couldn't just give us four episodes of Cyrus and Mellie scheming while pretending Olivia got caught by B-613? #dearhof-goodideas #bitterbitterfan.

At this year's Jingle Ball Miley Cyrus twerked with Santa Claus and Selena

Gomez cursed and angrily walked off stage. Sadly, Justin Bieber and his No-pants Elf Dancers couldn't make it.

After all the bad reviews of her performance in *The Sound of Music Live!*, Carrie Underwood tweeted, "Plain and simple: Mean people need Jesus...." Said Jesus, "Well sure, but you must remember, Carrie, that critique does not equal meanness. Also, that rust-coloured dress sure didn't do you any favours."

MTV names Miley Cyrus Artist of the Year. We're so very, very sorry, Franz von Schneiderlick. You will just have to continue making your impressionist straw tableaux in obscurity.



Lindsay Lohan. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Lindsay Lohan getting back to her old ways

Allegedly ordering friends to beat up Barron Hilton appears to be just a small part of Lindsay Lohan's wild week in Miami for Art Basel, as the troubled post-rehab starlet reportedly "threw tantrums all week," according to Radar Online.

"Lindsay was a mess at every event at Art Basel," a source says.

So what had Lohan so in a state? Run-ins with the Miami-based ex-girlfriend of Morgan O'Connor, the 18-year-old model Lohan has been dating.

"Lindsay had a tantrum when she would see

Morgan's ex-girlfriend at events," a source explains. "She would throw her arms in the air, stomp her feet and fling her hair around. She was acting like she was 10 years old."

Those displays might have been the last straw for O'Connor, who has reportedly soured on the Mean Girls star.

"Morgan wants nothing to do with her at all," the source says. "He is telling people that he is nervous and freaking out that his career is going to be affected by all her crazy evilness. She's obsessed with him."

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Entertaining the kids in the car, plane or train on the way to grandma's house is a challenge. But parents are often

left scrambling to find something for the kids to do once there. You don't want to drag along the whole toy room, but find some space to pack items to keep the kids busy.

Building blocks, like Lego, are terrific as the kids can continually create new things. Buy the bucket of blocks versus the kits. The kits tend to have an "all finished"



sense once completed, whereas the "free building" can go on forever.

Stop by the dollar store and pick up basic arts and crafts supplies. Non-permanent markers and construction paper are great for making decorations.

A deck of cards and a popular board game can fill hours of time.

Download movies or TV shows that the kids love on your own laptop or tablet, if you're unsure what TV channels or internet access the grandparents have. Rogers' new Kids Zone portal has many pre-selected loved shows from channels you trust. You can set up a playlist so you know exactly what they're watching. Grand times. **KATHY BUCKWORTH IS THE AUTHOR OF I AM SO THE BOSS OF YOU.**

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Cookies, gifts and...meditation?

Q&A. The big man in red is exceptionally busy around this time of year, what with toy-making and list-checking — but he did find a few minutes to chat with us

Greetings, Santa! We're so grateful to speak with you, considering how hectic your schedule must be right now. It's the most wonderful time of the year! And it is busy, but it is always a delight to talk to you.

How do you manage your time?

That's one of the most difficult things about the job — that it does take a lot of time and energy, focus, concentration, meditation and prayers.

Santa meditates?

Of course — everyone should have meditation. It's the moments of thinking of nothing that so many wonderful joyous things come. It's kind of a gift that I give to myself as Santa, that I'm able to take a moment and turn the lights down and light my magical candle and think.



Santa says oatmeal raisin cookies are great but he'll skip the eggnog. ISTOCK

We bet Mrs. Claus loves to see you in a relaxed state.

Even at this time of year, Mrs. Claus and the elves are extremely busy. They're keeping up with me, being sure that I have my food, my time, and keeping the list on who's naughty and nice...

Say, what kinds of cookies

should we leave out for you on Christmas Eve?

I'm trying to lean toward oatmeal and raisin — it's a little healthier for me. I'm trying to watch my weight. Otherwise, how could I ever get down all those chimneys? And I would suggest carrots for the reindeer, although they are leaning heavily toward candy corn. [And] skim milk all the

way! (Laughs)

Should we leave you some eggnog too?

I'll be driving so I'll have to pass.

You've likely got lots of people to visit. How many letters do you think you'll receive this year?

Millions. I'm already getting

letters from children who tell me what they want. And some of the most wonderful letters include the whole family — my brother wants this, my mom, my dad [want this]. Even if you're on the naughty list, you have a little bit of time left.

So how can someone on the naughty list end up on the nice list?

By being nice. If you're a child, by being respectful and obedient. If you're an adult, by helping someone, by being nice. It's very important.

We want to know how you spend your time when you're not working. For example, how do you spend your summers?

I enjoy fishing. We have some wonderful fishing up in the North Pole toward southern Alaska.

And what do you do the day after Christmas?

I'll go back to the North Pole, collect the elves and the reindeer and we'll settle down for a nice, long winter's nap. [Then we start working again] as soon as I wake up. When you love what you do, you never have to worry about working because it's a joy. We start to think about the toys for next year.

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Cherry-White Chocolate Drop Cookies: Beat the baking guilt



This recipe makes two dozen cookies. MATTHEW MEAD/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

At this time of year, we are constantly reminded that happy families are supposed to have special bonding moments while baking luscious holiday treats. If we really loved our children, we'd be delighted by the mess they make while dumping flour on the floor and spilling raw eggs down the side of the stove.

And so begins the guilt. Not only are we supposed to be baking, we're also supposed to be enjoying it.

To attempt to assuage the guilt, try these one-bowl cookies.

1. Heat the oven to 375 F. Line 2 baking sheets with kitchen parchment.

2. In a large bowl, use an electric mixer to beat the butter and both sugars until fluffy, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the egg, almond extract and milk, then mix well. Add the flour and baking soda, then mix just until the dry ingredients are well mixed

Ingredients

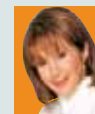
- 2 sticks (1 cup) butter, softened
- 1/2 cup granulated sugar
- 1/2 cup packed brown sugar
- 1 egg
- 1 tsp almond extract
- 1/4 cup milk
- 3 cups all-purpose flour
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1/2 cup dried cherries
- 1/2 cup dried cranberries
- 1 cup white chocolate chips

in. Mix in the cherries, cranberries and chocolate chips.

3. Drop the dough in 2-tablespoon mounds on the prepared baking sheets, leaving 2 inches between them. Bake, in batches if necessary, for 12 to 14 minutes, or until just lightly browned at the edges and still slightly soft at the centre. Leave on the baking sheet for 2 minutes, then use a spatula to transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

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Equivalent

Four nuggets with small fries and a small Oreo McFlurry are equivalent in fat to 28 Heinz Mini Mozzarella Pizza Bagel Bites.



Grilled chicken snack wrap/ mini fries / chocolate milk

560 calories / 20 g fat
The grilled chicken allows for some fries and the chocolate milk saves the calories and fat of the McFlurry.

Bringing teaching to the tablet

School on a screen.

One in three kids using iPads in class admit to playing games: Canadian study

A third of Quebec students surveyed about using iPads in class admitted to playing games during school hours and an astounding 99 per cent said they found the gadgets distracting, suggests a new study based on the experiences of more than 6,000 tablet-toting kids.

But even though just a few students said they felt a tablet helped them learn better, the report's co-authors still concluded that schools should invest in the technology, although cautiously.

Researchers surveyed 6,057 students, who were enrolled in Grades 6 through 10, and 302 teachers about their experiences so far in using tablets daily in the classroom.

The report concludes that outfitting large numbers of

iPositives

- When teachers were asked about the benefits of using iPads in class, about half said it opened up better access to information, 40 per cent cited the easy portability of the devices, and about a third said it allowed for greater collaboration.

students with costly tablets is a worthwhile endeavour, provided that teachers are well prepared and trained for the radical shift in delivering their lesson plans.

"It would appear that incorporating the iPad into education constitutes a necessary risk for schools, and that this technological tool has breathtaking cognitive potential," states the report.

But co-author Thierry Karsenti noted that so far, teachers have generally not been well prepared to teach with tablets.

The report notes that 70 per cent of the teachers sur-

veyed said they had "never or very rarely" used an iPad before they were introduced into their classrooms, versus 53.6 per cent of their students.

"Some of the teachers were getting the iPad on the first day of school with their students, can you imagine? All the students were on Facebook, Twitter and the teachers were like, 'Oh my God, this is not working,' and blaming the technology because he or she was not ready," said Karsenti, the Canada research chair for information and communication technologies in education.

"You have teachers who are fully unaware of what's going on in the classroom, they're sitting reading their notes and the students are doing whatever they want."

The report notes that a "surprising" number of students — more than one in three — admitted to playing games in class, sometimes with their teachers' permission after an assignment or task was completed.

Researchers were also surprised that, in some



Will iPads be the next school desk staple? ISTOCK

ways, the tablet technology wasn't been used to its full potential. Students said they did relatively little reading on their tablets and were

still using paper textbooks, while many assignments were still be submitted on paper rather than electronically.

About 85 per cent of the students said they never or rarely used the iPad to prepare written work.

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Injury-plagued Mooseheads have weekend to forget

QMJHL. The Herd saw more key players, including captain Darcy Ashley, drop out of the lineup



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The Halifax Mooseheads hobbled out of the weekend with more than a pair of losses to lament.

A day after a 3-0 shutout loss to the Baie-Comeau Drakkar, the Mooseheads headed into Saturday's matchup against the Chicoutimi Saguenéens minus four of their five top scorers and had only 18 players in the lineup.

The home squad wasted little time pouncing on the short-handed Mooseheads, scoring five-straight goals, en route to a 6-2 victory before 2,635 fans at the Centre Georges-Vézina.

The Herd didn't have their

top goalie, Zach Fucale, and two premier scorers, Jonathan Drouin and Nikolaj Ehlers, lost to their respective world junior teams. The Mooseheads also didn't have their third leading scorer, Darcy Ashley, who had been knocked out of Friday's game with an upper-body injury after colliding with teammate Timo Meier.

Couple those absences with other key injuries — Andrew Ryan (ankle), Matt Murphy (shoulder), Brendan Duke (concussion, whiplash) Ryan Falkenham (hip) — and you're facing a pretty decimated lineup.

It wasn't all doom and gloom for Ducharme, however. Some of his younger players dug deep on the occasion, including rookie Andrew Shewfelt, who scored his fifth goal of the season in the late going.

"There were some good things, but not enough," he said. "It was a good evaluation for our players to see where they're at, young guys especially. They got the chance to play regularly and play against the best lines on the other side."



Darcy Ashley is one of several injured Halifax Mooseheads players. JEFF HARPER/METRO

Ashley's injury has yet to be diagnosed; a doctor will examine him upon his return to Halifax. Duke's condition hasn't been updated. Ryan and Murphy aren't expected back

in the lineup until after the Christmas break, and Falkenham is out for the remainder of the season.

"It's part of junior hockey, guys leaving and dealing with

injuries, and things like that," said Ducharme. "We have to keep moving forward."

The Mooseheads (23-12-0-1) sit in fourth place in league standings.

About time: Rainmen find winning form



Rainmen owner Andre Levingston
METRO FILE

Andre Levingston finally got the affirmation he so desperately needed over the weekend.

The Halifax Rainmen owner saw his team win its first game of the season on Friday, a 95-89 victory over the Moncton Miracles, and, on Saturday, its second in a row, edging the Island Storm 84-82.

What made it especially satisfying for Levingston wasn't only that the Rainmen broke out of a 0-10 start to the season, and did it at home, but that they fought. They were behind in both games but emerged victorious.

"I always knew we had a very talented team but one of the reasons we made a coaching change is that our players

weren't competing," said Levingston. "As you can see now, when we're down 11, 12 or 13 points, we compete. On the defensive end we fight. Now, they're really seeing that they are a talented group of guys."

After taking over for former head coach Chris Terrell, ex-NBA player Craig Hodges has a record of 2-3.

While Levingston is satis-

fied with Hodges approach, he says much of the credit lies with the players.

"We challenged them after Thursday's loss to Windsor. It was a game that we should have had an opportunity to win, and we challenged them, and they took the challenge."

The Rainmen hit the road to take on the London Lightning on Thursday.

TOP SIX @ 6
Weeknights at 6 KB counts down the HOTTEST songs of the day

- 6 Classified Pay Day
- 5 Rihanna What Now
- 4 Hedley Anything
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Universiade

Canada falls to second in Pool C

Canada's men's hockey team finished second in Pool "C" after suffering a 4-2 loss to Kazakhstan in its final preliminary round game at the Winter Universiade on Sunday.

The Saint Mary's Huskies' Cory Tanaka, who picked up an assist in the loss, as well as Anthony Peters, Michael D'Orazio, Lucas Bloodoff, and the Dalhousie Tigers' Pierre Vandall skate for the Canadian squad.

Kazakhstan (3-0) and

Canada (2-1) finish first and second respectively in Pool "C." They advance to the quarter-finals on Wednesday. Their next opponents will be decided once pool play wraps up on Monday. **METRO**

NFL

Rams special teams go on rampage

Drew Brees threw interceptions that led to touchdowns and the St. Louis Rams got big days from Zac Stacy, Robert Quinn and on special teams to top New Orleans 27-16 Sunday. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Questions follow Canada juniors

WJC. With cuts looming, Team Canada sets off for Europe

An eager group of 25 players broke camp Sunday and got ready to head overseas for final preparations for the world junior hockey championship.

But only 22 will still be there when the tournament opens Dec. 26 in Malmo, Sweden.

Coach Brent Sutter said the

final cuts — one defenceman and two forwards — will be decided on many factors, including injuries.

"They're not easy decisions, but the reality is we've got a couple or three guys banged up and we're not exactly sure," said Sutter. "Hopefully they can skate when we get over there."

"Whether they'll be ready for the first exhibition game, we're not sure. All these guys deserve to be able to push to get on the team and they're going to have a few more days to do so."



Jonathan Drouin THE CANADIAN PRESS

The team will play three pre-tournament games — Friday against Finland, Sunday against Sweden and the fol-

lowing day against Switzerland. Sutter hopes to make the cuts after the first exhibition game so he can use the full squad for the last two.

The key question is high-scoring winger Jonathan Drouin, who is recovering from a concussion but who expects to resume skating when the team arrives in Sweden on Monday.

Another is rushing defenceman Josh Morrissey, who has been nagged by an undisclosed injury for a month but who expects to be able to practise this week. **THE CANADIAN PRESS**

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Horoscopes

Aries

March 21 - April 20

Family and financial problems can easily be resolved over the next seven days, but you must not keep putting them off.

Taurus

April 21 - May 21

Speak up if you have something important to say but make sure you listen too because the feedback you get could be invaluable.

Gemini

May 22 - June 21

You may have to bluff your way through the sort of situation you would usually cope with quite easily today.

Cancer

June 22 - July 23

As some of your views are a bit controversial there could be some interesting skirmishes today. But don't make a scene if someone who disagrees with you challenges your grasp of the facts.

Leo

July 24 - Aug. 23

Others may be having second thoughts about what you are doing but you have no such doubts. Even if you do make a mistake or two along the way your momentum and sense of purpose will keep you moving towards your goal.

Virgo

Aug. 24 - Sept. 23

Your confidence is sky-high at the moment and because of that you are ready to risk almost anything to prove you are the best. Before the day is over even your critics will be singing your praises and willing you to succeed.

Libra

Sept. 24 - Oct. 23

You will get your way on the work front easily enough today but you may upset a few people along the way. That won't worry you in the slightest.

Scorpio

Oct. 24 - Nov. 22

You will be rather outspoken today, which is not that unusual, but make sure your criticisms are justified or you could make enemies of people who should be your friends.

Sagittarius

Nov. 23 - Dec. 21

Mercury combined with your ruler Jupiter warns that what others tell you and what they believe may be two completely different things.

Capricorn

Dec. 22 - Jan. 20

You don't lack for ideas at the moment but you seem strangely reluctant to let the world know about them. Maybe that's not such a bad thing.

Aquarius

Jan. 21 - Feb. 19

The answers you seek are not that hard to find but you will surely find them quicker today if you get some assistance. And don't make things too complicated for yourself.

Pisces

Feb. 20 - March 20

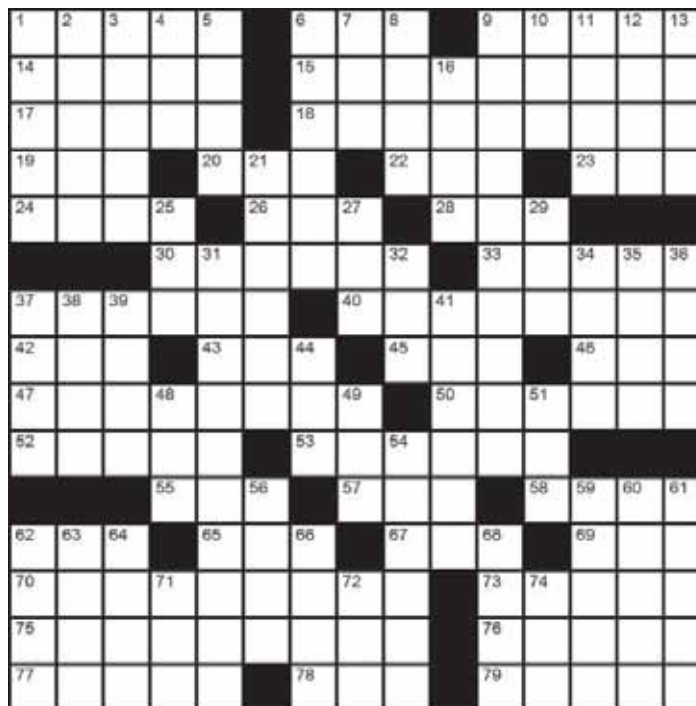
You must check facts and figures carefully today as Mercury linked to retrograde Jupiter warns that either someone is trying to deceive you or you will in some way deceive yourself.

SALLY BROMPTON

Crossword: Canada Across and Down

Across

1. Anna Paquin movie, "The ___" (1993)
6. Ms. Gardner
9. Impudent
14. Christmas Tree topper
15. Anti-aging cream targets: 2 wds.
17. NWT: ___ Heritage Trail
18. Canada Dry ___
19. Farm animal
20. Sports fig.
22. "___ Married an Axe Murderer" (1993)
23. Li'l water channel
24. Sun., on Mon.
26. Mr. Kilmer
28. Mil. rank
30. Festive beverage
33. Wuthering Heights growth
37. Chachi's surname
40. Author who co-founded the Writers' Trust of Canada in 1976, Margaret ___ (b.1926 - d.1987)
42. "Yahoo!"
43. Ms. Thurman
45. Li'l pressure unit
46. Ceiling
47. Fun street in downtown Montreal
50. Pre-Christmas time
52. Mr. Spock's father
53. Formal order
55. Clairvoyance, e.g.
57. Total
58. Yielded
62. "Law & Order: ___"
65. Rum ___ Tugger (Cats character)
67. Cereal grass
69. Farm call
70. Popular posting-up stuff website
73. Do computer cleaning
75. Merchants
76. On ___ (Doing well)



77. ___ statement
78. Home reno network
79. Paint finish kind

Down

1. Joshua Jackson's "Dawson's Creek" role
2. Flooded: 2 wds.
3. Ms. Moorehead
4. Paleo opposite
5. Stewing pot
6. Blanket type
7. Ancient 7
8. Ms. Jillian's
9. Wintertime fun: 2 wds.
10. "___ Bud" (1997)
11. Actress Ms. Merkel's
12. Boston basketballer, briefly
13. River of Flanders
16. "___ & Icons" (Vintage show from MuchMusic)
21. "Let's Make a Deal" = ___ show
25. Racecar driver Mr. Fabi
27. Miley Cyrus movie

Friday's Crossword



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Friday's Sudoku



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